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In the application of:

Tracy D. WILKINS, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/545,772

Filing Date: 10 April 2000

For: RECOMBINANT TOXIN A PROTEIN
CARRIER FOR POLYSACCHARIDE
CONJUGATE VACCINES

Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford

Group Art Unit: 1645

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 19 April 2001, time for response to which was set to expire 19 May 2001. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 19 August 2001 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Restriction was required among four groups.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of group I, claims 1-39. The remaining claims may be withdrawn from consideration. However, it is believed that if the invention of claims 1-39 is found allowable, claim 61, drawn to a method of use of the claimed composition should be rejoined. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A:

Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Specification and Claims.

Please amend the specification as follows: